

Taylor Hardin Times

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ADVOCATE'S CORNER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Every patient has the right to be informed regarding his rights and the methods available for initiation, review and resolution of rights complaints in language and terms the patient understands. Within 72 hours after a patient's admission to Taylor Hardin, the patient's assigned social worker meets with him to answer any questions he may have regarding his rights. Taylor Hardin provides every patient and responsible party with a written statement of rights and responsibilities along with procedures to be followed for handling allegations of rights violations. Taylor Hardin obtains a written verification of receipt of rights information from the patient and/or responsible party. Information regarding patient rights and complaint procedures is displayed in all residential and visiting areas of Taylor Hardin. Every patient is informed of and has access to a qualified Alabama Department of Mental Health Advocate (me!). Every patient is informed of the means for accessing the Department's Internal Rights Protection & Advocacy Program. Patients are always allowed access without reprisal!



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The National Breast Cancer Foundation reports that a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes. Innovations in research, surgical options and clinical trials give women many more options. With early detection, a woman's survival rate goes up. During the month of October we stand up to Breast Cancer and honor those that are battling, those that have survived, and those that have lost their lives.

REMINDERS: COVID-19 AND PATIENT CARE

All visitation to the Alabama Department of Mental Health Treatment Facilities (Bryce Hospital, Harper Center, and Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility) will continue to be suspended to protect our patients from COVID-19. You may continue to maintain contact with your family member through telephone and mail communications until this crisis has subsided. You will be kept informed of your family's status and you may contact your relative's Social Worker if you have additional questions related to his/her status.

All primary next-of-kin will be notified when visitation is able to be resumed. Your assistance with communicating this information to other family members/next-of-kin who may be approved for visitation would be much appreciated.

We want to assure our patient's families that our patients' care has not been disrupted during this time and they are continuing to receive services as they were prior to COVID-19.



Sending Mail?
If mailing
make sure to
a letter to
your family
member at
THSMF,

please include your family member's name in the address. Please remember, no packages are allowed.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 5

World Teachers Day

October 10

World Mental Health Day

October 12

Columbus Day

October 31

Halloween



**WE WANT TO
ANSWER YOUR
QUESTIONS**

Have a question or comment about the newsletter? Contact Chloe Tilley by phone at 205-462-4543 or by email at chloe.tilley@hardin.mh.alabama.gov. You can also mail in your questions to 1301 Jack Warner Parkway NE, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404.